THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Production of codeine Phosphate is not monitored by the Ministry. Codeine is not under price control under the DPCO, 1987.

(b) to (e) All the aspects of price control, including the criteria for the purpose, form the part of the Review of the Drug Policy, 1986.

MRTP probe against M/s. Lyka and Wockhardt

4071. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the progress of the MRTP probe against M/s. Lyka and Wockhardt;

(b) what are the medicines in respect of which the probe is in-progress;

(c) whether it is a fact that both these companies are charging exorbitant prices in respect of a number of products, if so, names of such products where overcharging has come to the notice of the Ministry;

(d) whether details of price increase effected by both these companies in respect of price controlled and price decontrolled products are not available;

(e) what are the names of the products, percentage increase in prices of 1990-91 and now; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has set up a price monitoring cell, if so, what is its role?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The MRTP Commission has informed that they have since decided to drop further proceedings in the preliminary investigation in the matter of M/s. Wockhardt Ltd. for supplying/marketing Pelox Capsules which resulted in strong reaction to a consumer and against M/s. Lyka Labs for overpricing Bexin Capsules.

(c) In respect of higher prices charged by M/s. Lyka Labs for two formulation packs, which came to the notice of the Ministry, the State Government of Maharashtra has been requested to examine the matter for appropriate action.

(d) to (f) Revision of prices of price controlled drugs & formulations in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is an ongoing process and revised prices are notified/issued by the government from time to time. Information regarding revision of prices by companies for non-price controlled drugs & formulations as reported by them is monitored by the Ministry. Both these companies manufacture a large number of price controlled and non-price controlled pharmaceutical products in various pack sizes and compilation of the voluminous data and its analysis relating to the increase in their prices since 1990-91 may not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Recoverable amount of Refampicin from Major Formulator

4072. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that even after a lapse of over eight years the amount has not been so far recovered in respect of Rifampicin from the major formulator;

(b) at what stage the matter stands and how such cases have not been decided so far;

(c) what are the full facts and why the amount has not been recovered as an arrear of land revenue; and

(d) who is responsible for negligence and what steps have been taken to fix the responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) To the extent information is available, the major formulator of Rifampicin is M/s. Lupin Labs., against which the liability of Rs.215.89 lakhs was worked out under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 in respect of bulk drug Rifampicin on tentative basis. This liability was disputed by the company and it asked for a personal hearing which was granted to it, but could not be completed. Now, this matter will be heard and decided by the Three Member Committee appointed by the Government under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice R.L. Gupta, a serving Judge of the Delhi High Court in this regard.

New Delivery System Under DPCO, 1987

4073. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry exempted certain formulations on the ground of New Delivery System under DPCO, 1987 if so, names of these formulations composition of each and names of the producers;

(b) when was each formulation exempted and what is validity period of exemption of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that number of other such tyupe of formulations of other competitors are under price control, if so, names of such formulations and what action has been taken to decontrol the same; and

(d) what is the procedure of price decontrol based on New Delivery System and what are the details of guidelines and definition of new Delivery System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The details in regard to products involving New Delivery System granted exemption on the request of the manufacturers are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the formulation	Name of the Company	Valid Upto
1	2	3	4
1.	Diclonac SR Tablets	Lupin	May, 94
2.	Terramycin L/A	Pfizer	May, 94
3.	Norswal 600mg SR Tablets	Cadila	May, 94
4.	Fefol-Z Spansule SR Cap.	Eskayef	May, 94
5.	Isoptin-240mg SR Tab.	Bochringer Manheim	May, 94
6.	Thec PA Control Release Tab.	Nueron Pharma	Aug. 94
7.	Ketoprofen (Profenid) Control Release Caps. 100 mg (Containing Katoprofen 100 mg)	Themis Labs.	July, 96